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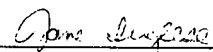
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For: **LABELED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES, METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, AND COMPOUNDS USEFUL THEREFOR**

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.143 AND 1.146**

In response to the Office Action issued July 17, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the requirements for restriction and election of species in view of the following remarks. In addition, Applicants request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice.

**In the Specification**

Please delete the paragraph spanning page 47 of the specification and replace it with the following new paragraph.

Table 1. HPLC Retention Times for Oligonucleotides 8-31.

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